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# ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE

TOWN OF



GROTON  
NEW HAMPSHIRE

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING  
DECEMBER 31, 1996




**Town of Groton  
Groton, New Hampshire**

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# **Annual Report**

**March 11, 1997**



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***Town Officers***  
***December 31, 1996***

***Moderator***

Geoffrey A. Gannon, 1996

***Selectmen***

Robert L. Desrosiers, Sr., 1997  
Stephen A. Pilcher, Chairman, 1998  
James J. Albert, 1999

***Town Clerk and Tax Collector***

Joyce A. Tolman, 1997

***Treasurer***

Kristen Albert, 1997

***Administrative Assistant***

Trish M. Lundberg

***Road Agent***

David J. Leone, 1997

***Police Chief***

Anthony R. Ricciotti

***Health Officer***

Robert L. Desrosiers, Sr., 1999

***Trustee of Trust Funds***

Pamela Crosby, 1999

***Welfare Officer***

Trish M. Lundberg

***Fire Chief***

***Emergency Management Director***

***Fire Warden***

Tony Albert

***Deputy Wardens***

Peter Bailey

Gerard David

Edward N. Smith

Gary Steel

David J. Leone

***Librarian***

Joyce A. Tolman

***Assistant Librarian***

Mae Blake

***Library Trustees***

Joyce A. Tolman, 1997

Pamela Crosby, 1999

Jeffrey Levesque, 1998

*Supervisors of the Checklist*

Diane M. S. Cunningham, 2000

Nelda Frisch, 1998

Shirley Willey, 2002

*Planning Board*

Antonio Tavares, 1997

Stephen A. Pilcher, Ex-Officio, 1997

Stephen Lindsey, 1997

Eben Beever, 1997

Norman Blanchette, 1997

*Cemetery Trustees*

Norman Blanchette, 1997

Everett R. Hobart, 1997

David J. Leone, 1997

*Conservation Commission*

Tony Albert, Chairman

David J. Leone, Vice-Chairman

Deborah Beth Johnson, Treasurer

Christine Mahar, Secretary

Stephen A. Pilcher, Ex-Officio

Shirley Willey

Paul Morrison

Nelda Frisch

Norman Blanchette

## *Selectmen's Letter*

Dear Friends:

The past year has been a great year. We have worked on polishing up our operations at the Transfer Station/Recycling Center, and have worked with the employees and elected officials to refine operations in all departments. Presently, the Groton Free Public Library is being renovated to correct the wiring to meet necessary minimum requirements as well as to address other deficiencies in the building itself. Tony Albert, Fire Chief, met with the Fire Marshall about the town buildings and with this input we will continue to improve the condition of our buildings to assure compliance with State and Federal regulations.

The Board would like to thank Mr. James Leahy and his family for their donation to the Town of Groton of the new boiler and radiation for the Town Office Buildings. The boiler and radiation were donated to the Town in memory of his parents, Edward and Lora Grace, who owned property on Dodge Road. Their donation enabled the Town of install a four-zone hot water boiler of exceptional quality. The Fire Marshall's recommends for housing the system were adhered to by the contractor.

Provan and Lorber continue to work on the closure of the dump site and the permanent monitoring wells have been installed. The State of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services issued a letter notifying the Board of Selectmen that the Town of Groton is now in compliance with the violations cited in 1991. The State also approved the Phase II plans for the dump site closure.

The work continues on updating the tax maps and preparing for the eventual revaluation of property. A computer system was purchased for the Selectmen's Office to facilitate our efforts in completing these important projects. Work continues in our office to go through each and every parcel of property. The goal is to acquire surveys and/or deeds of all property to see that our tax maps are as accurate as possible. The GPS points that have so graciously been given to the Town by Yorkshire Timber and the USGS topographic maps are being used to confirm the accuracy of our tax maps.

We look forward seeing you at the Town Meeting on March 11th.

Respectfully submitted,  
TOWN OF GROTON, Board of Selectmen

Stephen A. Pilcher, Chairman  
James J. Albert  
Robert L. Desrosiers, Sr.



## ***STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE***

### ***WARRANT FOR 1997 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TOWN OF GROTON***

To the inhabitants of the Town of Groton in the county of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the North Groton Town House in said Groton on Tuesday, the 11th day of March, next, polls to be open at eleven o'clock in the morning until seven o'clock in the evening for voting on Article 1, and meeting for action on the remaining articles in the Warrant at six o'clock in the evening.

**ARTICLE 1:** To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$239,312.00, which represents the operating budget for the ensuing year. This sum does not include the individual and special warrant articles.

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$46,462.00 for the purchase of a new Highway Department Truck, this sum to be offset by a \$20,000.00 withdrawal from the Truck/Sander Capital Reserve Fund and a \$7,500.00 credit for trading in the current Highway Department Truck. The balance of \$18,962 is to come from general taxation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 in support of the Task Force Against Domestic and Sexual Violence. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 in support of the Plymouth Regional Clinic. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 in support of the Newfound Region Chamber of Commerce. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,724.00 for the purchase of a computer, printer and software package for the Town Clerk's Office. This amount includes: 1) Pentium 100 with 16 MB RAM, 1 GB hard drive, DOS and Windows; 2) Printer; and 3) New Hampshire Town Clerk and Motor Vehicle Software. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

**Warrant for 1997 Annual Meeting of the Town of Groton**  
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**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,644.00 which is \$137.00 per month for a non-binding rental fee to lease the computer package described in Article 7 above. The lease is for four years and would require approval yearly. The difference in cost for renting the system versus buying the system is an increase of \$852.00 over the four years. The system can be purchased at the end of the four years for \$1.00. The Selectmen do not recommend this appropriation.

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$26,650.00 for the total revaluation of property. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 in support of the Pemi-Baker Youth and Family Services Council, Inc. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00 for the expenses related to the construction of a Highway Department Shed. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for the continued improvement of the cemeteries in the Town of Groton. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for the Truck/Sander Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for the Dump Site Closure Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for the Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000.00 for a medical insurance program for Town employees. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

**ARTICLE 17:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000.00 for the repair and preparation of North Groton Road for shimming. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

## **Warrant for 1997 Annual Meeting of the Town of Groton**

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**ARTICLE 18:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00 for expenses related to Phase II and Phase III of the Dump Site Closure and further to authorize the withdrawal of \$30,000.00 from the Dump Site Closure Capital Reserve Fund to offset this appropriation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

**ARTICLE 19:** To see if the Town will vote to reconvey and/or ratify the transfer of property known as Map 6, Lot 1-4, previously taken by tax deed, to Bruce and Jeanne Farrow. The Selectmen recommend this article.

**ARTICLE 20:** To see if the Town will vote to reconvey and/or ratify the transfer of property known as Map 5, Lot 49-3C, and Map 5, Lot 49-3C(C), previously taken by tax deed, to William Goddard. The Selectmen recommend this article.

**ARTICLE 21:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for installation of culverts for access to the property known as Map 5, Lot 19, located behind the Selectmen's Office Building, and for the services of an environmental consultant to assist in determining wetlands status. The Selectmen recommend this article.

**ARTICLE 22:** To see if the Town will vote to ratify all the votes and actions taken at the last Town Meeting on March 12, 1996. The Selectmen recommend this article.

**ARTICLE 23:** To see if the Town will vote to transact any other business that may legally come before the Town.

A true copy of the Warrant-attest:

TOWN OF GROTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Stephen A. Pilcher, Chairman

Robert L. Desrosiers, Sr.

James J. Albert

TOWN CLERK

Joyce A. Tolman

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION  
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION

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**BUDGET OF THE TOWN**

OF \_\_\_\_\_ GROTON \_\_\_\_\_ N.H.

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1997 to December 31, 1997 or  
for Fiscal Year From \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT:** Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

1. Use this form to list the entire budget in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. This means the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles must be posted.
2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the town clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address above.

Date February 24, 1997

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Stephen A. Pilcher, Chairman

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James J. Albert

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Robert L. Desrosiers, Sr.

**SELECTMEN (PLEASE SIGN IN INK)**

**THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT**

(Revised 1995)

Year 1997

Budget of the Town of Groton

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Acct. No.	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 31:4)	Warr Art. #	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR (RECOMMENDED)	APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR (NOT RECOMMENDED)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4130-4139 Executive		2	18,400	22,166	22,800	
4140-4149 Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics		2	4,208	3,412	1,766	
4150-4151 Financial Administration		2	30,700	29,622	30,700	1,644
4152 Revaluation of Property		2	5,600	8,594	8,600	
4153 Legal Expense		2	6,000	2,385	4,000	
4155-4159 Personnel Administration		2	9,000	7,420	8,000	
4191-4193 Planning & Zoning		2	150	58	150	
4194 General Government Buildings		2	6,000	9,532	10,000	
4195 Cemeteries		2	3,500	3,011	2,000	
4196 Insurance		2	10,000	16,996	17,000	
4197 Advertising & Regional Assoc.		2	750	709	750	
4199 Other General Government		2	15,000	12,733	6,000	
PUBLIC SAFETY			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4210-4214 Police		2	22,000	21,017	23,995	
4215-4219 Ambulance		2	3,800	3,775	3,850	
4220-4229 Fire		2	9,800	9,907	10,500	
4240-4249 Building Inspection						
4290-4298 Emergency Management		2	1,000	640	1,500	
4299 Other Public Safety (including Communications)	Dry Hydrant	911	2,500 2,000			
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4311-4312 Administration & Highways & Streets		2	86,500	81,375	51,500	
4313 Bridges						
4316-4319 Street Lighting & Other			800	624	800	
SANITATION			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4321-4323 Administration & Solid Waste Collection						
4324-4325 Solid Waste Disposal & Cleanup		2	29,000	29,954	27,000	
4326-4329 Sewage Collection & Disposal & Other			19,000	4,949		
WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4331-4332 Administration & Water Services						

Acct. No.	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 31:4)	Warr Art. #	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR (RECOMMENDED)	APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR (NOT RECOMMENDED)
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conservation & Other					
	ELECTRIC		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4351-4352	Administration & Generation					
4353	Purchase Costs					
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance					
4355-4359	Other Electric Costs					
	HEALTH					
4411-4414	Administration & Pest Control	2	300	300	300	
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hospitals & Other	2	1,448	1,448	1,474	
	WELFARE		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assistance	2	2,000	881	2,000	
4444	Intergov. Welfare Payments	2	957	957	972	
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other					
	CULTURE & RECREATION		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation	2	500	112	600	
4550-4559	Library	2	1,500	1,500	1,500	
4583	Patriotic Purposes Bicentennial		1,000			
4589	Other Culture & Recreation BCC		1,030	1,030	1,055	
	CONSERVATION		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4611-4612	Administration & Purchases of Natural Resources					
4619	Other Conservation Commission	2	500	50	500	
4631-2	REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING					
4651-9	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT					
	DEBT SERVICE		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes					
4712	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes					
4723	Interest on TANS	2	2,000			
4790-4799	Other Debt Service					
	CAPITAL OUTLAY		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4901	Land & Improvements					
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment					



Year 1997

Budget of the Town of Groton

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Acct. No.	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 31:4)	Warr Art. #	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR (Recommended)	APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR (Not Recommended)
4903	Buildings					
4909	Improv.Other Than Buildings					
	OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4912	To Special Revenue Fund					
4913	To Capital Projects Fund					
4914	To Enterprise Fund					
	Sever-					
	Water-					
	Electric-					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund		8,000	8,200		
4916	To Expendable Trust Funds (except Health Maint. Trust Fund)					
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Fund					
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds					
4919	To Agency Funds					
	SUBTOTAL 1		304,943	283,357	239,312	

Please note: \*Individual\* warrant articles are not necessarily the same as \*special warrant articles\*, which are addressed below

Acct. No.	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 31:4)	Warr Art. #	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By DRA	Expenditures Prior Year	APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR (Recommended)	APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR (Not Recommended)
4903	Shed	11			30,000	
	INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES					
4415	Task Force	4			200	
4415	Plymouth Regional	5			1,000	
4444	Pemi-Baker Youth	10			200	
4589	Pond	21			3,000	
4651	Chamber	6			250	
4150	Computer System	7			5,774	
4152	Revaluation	9			26,650	
4155	Medical Insurance	16			8,000	
4195	Cemeteries	12			3,000	
4311	North Groton Road	17			35,000	
	SUBTOTAL 2 Recommended		XXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXX	112,774	XXXXXXXXXXXX

Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3, VI, as 1) petitioned warrant articles; 2) an article whose appropriations is paid by bonds or notes; 3) an article which calls for an appropriation to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trust funds; and 4) any article designated on the warrant as a special article or as nonlapsing or nontransferable article

Acct. No.	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 31:4)	Warr Art. #	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR (Recommended)	APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR (Not Recommended)
	SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES					
4902	Truck	3			46,462	
4326	Dump Site Closure	18			30,000	
4915	Truck/Sander Fund	13			3,000	
4915	Dump Site Fund	14			5,000	
4915	Cruiser	15			1,000	
	SUBTOTAL 3 Recommended				85,462	

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Acct. No.	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art. #	Estimated Revenue Prior Year	Actual Revenue Prior Year	ESTIMATED REVENUE For Ensuing Fiscal Year
	<b>TAXES</b>		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3120	Land Use Change Taxes				
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Yield Taxes		18,000	15,437	16,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes				
3189	Other Taxes				
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		12,000	19,893	20,000
	Inventory Penalties		300	468	400
	<b>LICENSES, PERMITS &amp; FEES</b>		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3210	Business Licenses & Permits				
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		30,000	41,144	40,000
3230	Building Permits		150	170	150
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		1,000	1,533	1,000
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PD Safety		4,000		
	<b>FROM STATE</b>		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3351	Shared Revenues		6,733	10,108	6,500
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution				
3353	Highway Block Grant		14,904	17,241	15,560
3354	Water Pollution Grant				
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		627	1,126	900
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement			6,771	
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)				
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS Rented Equip		6,000	9,116	8,000
	<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</b>		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3401-3406	Income from Departments		8,000	1,527	1,500
3409	Other Charges Truck Trade				7,500
	<b>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</b>		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		8,900	8,900	5,000
3502	Interest on Investments		1,500	707	800
3503-3509	Other Insurance Dividends		7,000	6,781	6,800
	<b>INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN</b>		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3912	Special Revenue Funds				



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3912 Special Revenue Funds					
Acct. No.	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenue Prior Year	Actual Revenue Prior Year	ESTIMATED REVENUE For Ensuing Fiscal Year
3913 Capital Projects Fund					
3914 Enterprise Fund					
Sewer - (Offset)					
Water - (Offset)					
Electric - (Offset)					
3915 Capital Reserve Fund			19,000		50,000
3916 Trust & Agency Funds			1,000		
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3934 Proc.from Long Term Bonds & Notes			218,000		
Amounts Voted From "Surplus"			XXXXXXXXXX		
"Surplus" Used in Prior Year to Reduce Taxes			XXXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXXX
TOTAL REVENUES			350,114	140,922	180,110

**BUDGET SUMMARY**

SUBTOTAL 1 Recommended (from page 3)	239,312
SUBTOTAL 2 "Individual" warrant articles (from page 3)	112,774
SUBTOTAL 3 Special warrant articles as defined by law (from page 3)	85,462
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	437,548
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues (Exclusive of Property Taxes) (from above)	180,110
Amount of Taxes To Be Raised	257,438

HELP! We ask your assistance in the following: If you have a line item of appropriations from more than one warrant article, please use the space below to identify the make-up of the line total for the ensuing year.

Acct. No.	W.A. No.	Amount		Acct.No.	W.A. No.	Amount

## 1996 Tax Rate Calculation by DRA

### Town/City of: GROTON

Appropriations	304,943		
Less: Revenues	145,350		
Less: Shared Revenues	2,382		
Add: Overlay	33,105		
War Service Credits	<u>2,900</u>		
Net Town Appropriation		193,216	
Special Adjustment		<u>0</u>	
Approved Town/City Tax Effort			193,216
<b>Municipal Tax Rate</b>			<b>4.62</b>

#### ——School Portion——

Due to Local School	0		
Due to Regional School	471,157		
Less: Shared Revenues	<u>2,777</u>		
Net School Appropriation		468,380	
Special Adjustment		<u>0</u>	
Approved School(s) Tax Effort			468,380
<b>School(S) Tax Rate</b>			<b>11.19</b>

#### ——County Portion——

Due to County	43,189		
Less: Shared Revenues	<u>473</u>		
Net County Appropriation		42,716	
Special Adjustment		<u>0</u>	
Approved County Tax Effort			42,716
<b>County Tax Rate</b>			<b><u>1.02</u></b>
<b>Combined Tax Rate</b>			<b><u>16.83</u></b>
Total Property Taxes Assessed			704,312

#### ——Commitment Analysis——

Total Property Taxes Assessed		704,312	
Less: War Service Credits		(2,900)	
Add: Village District Commitment(s)		<u>0</u>	
<b>Total Property Tax Commitment</b>		<b><u>701,412</u></b>	

#### ——Proof of Rate——

Net Assessed Valuation: 41,848,577    Tax Rate: 16.83    Assessment: 704,312

#### ——1997 Bond Requirement——

Treasurer:	50,000	Tax Collector:	48,000
Town Clerk:	7,000	Trustee of Trust Funds:	10,000

***Town Clerk's Report  
January 1-December 31, 1996***

Auto Registrations	\$41,144.00
Title Fees	190.00
Dog Licenses	645.00
Filing Fees, UCC	420.00
Pistol Permits	20.00
Building Permits	40.00
Vital Statistics	180.00
Declarations of Candidacy	8.00
Copier Fees	25.00
Bad Check Fees	<u>3.00</u>
 TOTAL PAID TO TREASURER	 <u><u>\$42,675.00</u></u>

## TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

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FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF GROTON YEAR ENDING 1996

DR.

## UNCOLLECTED TAXES

-BEG. OF YEAR\*:

Property Taxes

Resident Taxes

Land Use Change

Yield Taxes

Utilities

## TAXES COMMITTED

-THIS YEAR:

Property Taxes

Resident Taxes

Land Use Change

Yield Taxes

Utilities

## OVERPAYMENT:

Property Taxes

Resident Taxes

Land Use Change

Yield Taxes

Interest Collected  
on Delinquent TaxCollected Resident  
Tax Penalties

## TOTAL DEBITS

Levy for Year of this Report	PRIOR LEVIES (Please specify years)		
1996	1995		
	\$100,874.57		
XXXXXXXXXXXXXX			
XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	200.00		
XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	3,483.40		
XXXXXXXXXXXXXX			
XXXXXXXXXXXXXX			
702,597.00		XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
		XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
		XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
15,437.10		XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
		XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
		XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
2,278.57			
825.42	8,425.62		
\$721,138.09	\$112,983.59	\$	\$

\*This amount should be the same as last year's ending balance. If not, please explain.

## TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

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FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF GRATON YEAR ENDING 1996

CR.	Levy for Year of this Report 1996	PRIOR LEVIES (Please specify years) 1995	
REMITTED TO TREAS. DURING FY:			
Property Taxes	\$618,895.47	\$100,578.52	
Resident Taxes			
Land Use Change			
Yield Taxes	8,713.73	25.20	
Utilities			
Interest	825.42	8,425.62	
Penalties			
Conversion to Lien			
Prio Year Over- payments Applied	42.78		
Discounts Allowed:			
Abatements Made:			
Property Taxes	13,930.00	296.05	
Resident Taxes			
Land Use Change			
Yield Taxes	1.87		
Utilities			
Curr.Levy Deeded			
UNCOLLECTED TAXES			
-END OF YEAR:			
Property Taxes	72,007.32	0.00	
Resident Taxes			
Land Use Change		200.00	
Yield Taxes	6,721.50	3,458.20	
Utilities			
TOTAL CREDITS	\$721,138.09	\$112,983.59	\$

## TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

MS-61

FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF GRANTONYEAR ENDING 1996

DR.	Last Year's Levy 1995	PRIOR LEVIES (Please specify years) 1994 1993 1992		
Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beg. of Fiscal Yr.		\$46,507.83	\$29,140.73	\$4,333.32
Liens Executed During Fiscal Yr.	\$61,970.15			
Interest & Costs Coll. After Lien Execution	1,066.05	1,535.40	5,716.66	2,791.35
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$63,036.20</b>	<b>\$48,043.23</b>	<b>\$4,857.39</b>	<b>\$7,124.67</b>
CR. REMITTANCE TO TREASURER:				
	\$ 7,122.44	\$ 7,653.34	\$15,449.58	\$4,333.32
Redemptions				
Int./Costs (After Lien Execution)	1,066.05	1,535.40	5,716.66	2,791.35
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes	16,706.92	15,575.30	13,080.89	
Liens <u>Deeded</u> To Municipalities				
Unredeemed Liens Bal. End of Year	38,140.79	23,279.19	610.26	
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$63,036.20</b>	<b>\$48,043.23</b>	<b>\$34,857.39</b>	<b>\$7,124.67</b>

If you are a tax sale municipality, please use the alternate page 3.

Does your municipality commit taxes on a semi-annual basis (RSA 76:15-a)?       TAX COLLECTOR'S SIGNATURE Loren A. Tolman DATE: February 7, 1997

***Treasurer's Report***  
***January 1-December 31, 1996***

<b>4110 Property Taxes</b>	
'95 Property Tax	45,104.02
'96 Property Tax	616,666.90
'92 Tax Redemptions	4,333.32
'93 Tax Redemptions	15,294.54
'94 Tax Redemptions	7,653.34
'95 Tax Redemptions	<u>7,122.44</u>
	696,174.56
<b>4185 Yield Taxes</b>	8,822.32
<b>4186 Payments in Lieu of Taxes</b>	
'95 Tax Lien	61,970.15
<b>4189 Other Taxes</b>	
Overpayment of Taxes	2,278.57
<b>4190 Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes</b>	
'95 Property Tax Interest	1,926.59
'96 Property Tax Interest	692.03
'92 Redemption Interest	2,791.35
'93 Redemption Interest	5,871.70
'94 Redemption Interest	1,535.40
'95 Redemption Interest	1,066.05
'95 Yield Tax Interest	<u>3.38</u>
	13,886.50
<b>TOTAL REVENUES FROM TAXES</b>	<u><u>783,132.10</u></u>
<b>4220 Motor Vehicle Permit Fees</b>	
'96 Motor Vehicle Permits	41,144.00
<b>4230 Building Permits</b>	
Building Permits	170.00

**4290 Other Licenses, Permits and Fees**

Current Use Application Fees	30.00
Dog License Fees	645.00
Auto Title Fees	190.00
Declaration of Candidacy	8.00
Vital Statistics	180.00
UCC Fees	420.00
Pistol Permits	<u>60.00</u>

1,533.00

**TOTAL REVENUES LICENSES, PERMITS  
AND FEES**42,847.00**4319 Federal Emergency Management Agency** 6,771.00**4351 Shared Revenue**

Shared Revenue From State	7,430.14
Room/Meals Tax Revenue	<u>2,677.90</u>

10,108.04

**4353 Highway Block Grant** 17,240.93**4356 State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement** 1,125.80**4359 Other State Grants and Reimbursements**

Rented Equipment	9,115.50
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**TOTAL REVENUES FROM STATE**44,361.27



**4401 Income From Departments**

Purchases Discount	241.91
Highway Department	3.00
Highway Supplemental	509.28
Witness Fees	250.72
Services Police Department	100.00
Fire Department	154.49
Refuse Disposal	68.00
Log Truck (Wires Reimbursement)	111.76
Metal Recycling	<u>88.00</u>

**TOTAL REVENUES CHARGES SERVICES** 1,527.16**4501 Sale of Municipal Property** 8,900.00**4502 Interest on Investments** 706.83**4504 Fines and Forfeits**

Court Fines Police Department	475.00
Parking Tickets Police Department	50.00
Unlawful Possession Fines	<u>100.00</u>
	625.00

**4506 Insurance Dividends and Reimbursements**

Refund from IRS for 941	36.60
Insurance Dividend	6,780.70
Reimbursement/Payroll Library	<u>549.02</u>
	7,366.32

**4508 Contributions and Donations**

Donations	41.14
Playground Fund	111.90
Gift	<u>150.00</u>
	303.04

**4509 Revenue From Other Miscellaneous Sources**

Checklist	15.00
Copier Fees From all Departments	73.32
NEBS Refund	6.95
Michie Butterworth Refund	169.07
AT&T Refund	10.86
Postage Refund	8.00
Refund on Letters	2.80
Bad Check Charges	<u>3.00</u>
	322.76

**TOTAL REVENUES MISCELLANEOUS  
SOURCES**18,223.95**4914 Transfers From Proprietary Funds**

MBIA	190,000.00
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**4915 Transfers From Capital Reserve Fund**

Roof Fund	3,144.86
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**TOTAL INTERFUND OPERATING  
TRANSFERS IN**193,144.86**GRAND TOTAL REVENUES**1,083,236.34

## *1996 Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures*

Account	Appropriation 1996	Actuals 1996	Unexpended Balance	Overdrat
Executive	\$18,400.00	\$22,166.00		\$3,766.00
Election, Registration and Vital Stats	4,208.00	3,412.00	796.00	
Financial Administration	30,700.00	29,622.00	1,078.00	
Revaluation of Property	5,600.00	8,594.00		2,994.00
Legal Expense	6,000.00	2,385.00	3,615.00	
Personnel Administration	9,000.00	7,420.00	1,580.00	
Planning and Zoning	150.00	58.00	92.00	
General Government Building	6,000.00	9,532.00		3,532.00
Cemeteries	3,500.00	3,011.00	489.00	
Insurance	10,000.00	16,996.00		6,996.00
Advertising and Regional Associations	750.00	709.00	41.00	
Other General Government	15,000.00	12,733.00	2,267.00	
Police Department	22,000.00	21,017.00	983.00	
Ambulance	3,800.00	3,775.00	25.00	
Fire	9,800.00	9,907.00		107.00
Emergency Management	1,000.00	640.00	360.00	
911	2,500.00		2,500.00	
Dry Hydrant	2,000.00		2,000.00	
Highways and Street	86,500.00	81,375.00	5,125.00	
Street Lighting	800.00	624.00	176.00	
Solid Waste Disposal	29,000.00	29,954.00		954.00
Dump Site Closure	19,000.00	4,949.00	14,051.00	
Pest Control	300.00	300.00		
Health Agencies and Hospitals	1,448.00	1,448.00		
Direct Assistance	2,000.00	881.00	1,119.00	
Intergovernmental Welfare Payments	957.00	957.00		
Parks and Recreation	500.00	112.00	388.00	
Groton Free Public Library	1,500.00	1,500.00		
Bicentennial	1,000.00		1,000.00	
Other Culture and Recreation	1,030.00	1,030.00		
Conservation Commission	500.00	50.00	450.00	
Interest on TANs	2,000.00		2,000.00	
Capital Reserve Funds	8,000.00	8,200.00		200.00
	<u>\$304,943.00</u>	<u>\$283,357.00</u>	<u>\$40,135.00</u>	<u>\$18,549.00</u>
Net Balance			\$21,586.00	

## *Detailed Summary of Expenditures 1996*

### **GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

#### **EXECUTIVE**

Board of Selectmen	\$ 7,175.00
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	12,777.00
Treasurer	1,200.00
Moderator	236.00
Trustee of Trust Funds	200.00
Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector	<u>350.00</u>

**21,938.00**

#### **ELECTION AND REGISTRATION**

Election Administration Wages	3,205.00
Election Postage	4.80
Printing	24.85
Preparation of Checklist	75.00
Election Telephone	.81
Advertising	<u>101.70</u>

**3,412.16**

#### **FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION**

Computer Service	732.80
Computer Equipment/Software	1,000.00
Executive Assistant	12,230.81
Health Officer	10.00
Purchased Services	2,243.07
Telephone	1,429.50
Postage	1,143.64
Bank Fees/Charges	334.10
Office Supplies	2,622.38
Dog Tags	74.85
Advertising	268.26
Seminars and Meetings	989.00
Mileage Expense	118.50
License Fees	158.00
Animal Population Control Fee	258.00
Overpayment of Taxes	2,278.07
Registration Refund	194.00
Fire Proof File	<u>1,036.93</u>

**27,121.91**

## REVALUATION OF PROPERTY

Revaluation Services	7,651.74
Revaluation Expenses	155.31
Perambulation Groton/Plymouth	2,000.00
Title Searches	206.50
Utilities Revaluation	<u>786.84</u>

**10,800.39**

## LEGAL EXPENSE

Legal Expenses	<b>2,385.00</b>
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## PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION

Tax Deposits	<b>7,358.34</b>
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## PLANNING AND ZONING

Office Supplies	3.95
Copying	11.88
Recording Fees	<u>42.00</u>

**57.83**

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING

Town Building Repair and Maintenance	1,446.48
Equipment and Furniture	824.76
Town Building Repair and Maintenance Wages	851.75
Housekeeping	497.50
Heating Oil	609.71
Electric	767.44
Renovations to Offices	4,185.79
Furnace	<u>6,940.80</u>

**16,124.23**

## CEMETERIES

Maintenance of Cemeteries	86.03
Cemetery Wages	1,536.50
Rolfe Hill Cemetery Project	<u>1,388.86</u>

**3,011.39**

## INSURANCE

Property Liability Insurance	8,771.61
Workers' Compensation Insurance	<u>6,786.00</u>

**15,557.61**

*Detailed Summary of Expenditures 1996**Page 3*

## ADVERTISING AND REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Regional Associations **709.14**

## OTHER GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Tax Mapping 2,009.50

Audit 3,791.58

STNH-Unemployment Compensation 1,437.97**7,239.05*****PUBLIC SAFETY***

## POLICE

Wages 12,766.37

Detail Wages 120.00

Supplies 193.96

Vehicle Maintenance 582.89

Gasoline 349.29

Office Supplies 423.09

Telephone 1,773.76

Communications 705.93

Dispatch Service 1,877.75

Uniforms, Personnel Equipment 185.56

Guns, Ammunition, Etc. 14.32

Memberships and Subscriptions 175.00

Prosecutor Fees 1,352.80

Cruiser Equipment/Supplies 254.13

Mileage Expense 33.06**20,807.91**

## AMBULANCE

Ambulance **3,775.34**

## FIRE

Hebron Fire Department Quarterly Expenses 1,790.55

Hebron Fire Department 2,500.00

Rumney Fire Department 3,013.00

Groton Fire Department 861.11

Lakes Region Mutual Aid 1,742.29**9,906.95**

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Emergency Management Expenses **640.00**

## OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY (including COMMUNICATIONS)

911	<b>208.63</b>
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**HIGHWAYS AND STREETS**

Highway Department Wages	24,418.66
Mileage Expense	1.50
Communications	813.70
Office Supplies	39.55
Signs	1,041.70
Miscellaneous Tools and Equipment Purchases	1,255.48

**WINTER MAINTENANCE**

Fuel	2,725.83
Salt, Sand, Deicing	3,597.06
Electricity Equipment/Sheds	918.69
Plow for Highway Pick-up	2,607.00
Winter Road Repair	40.62

**SUMMER MAINTENANCE**

Fuel	577.69
Vegetation Control	193.05
Culvert Repair/Replace	748.10
Gravel on Gravel Roads	218.40
Cold Patch	242.10
Electricity Equipment/Sheds	66.66
Building Maintenance	185.31

*Special Warrant Article:*

Prep/Repair for Shimming	25,040.62
Prep/Repair for Shimming Wages	<u>8,650.00</u>

	<b>73,371.72</b>
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**GENERAL HIGHWAY EXPENSE**

General Highway Expense Wages	757.85
Highway Vehicle/Equipment Maintenance	<u>7,235.52</u>

	<b>7,993.37</b>
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**STREET LIGHTING**

Street Lights	<b>623.94</b>
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**SANITATION****SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL**

Transfer Station Wages	7,533.50
Miscellaneous Expense	660.70
Electricity	526.84
Mileage Expense	30.00
Telephone	191.81
Gas Heater for Transfer Station	475.00
Gas for Heater	100.00
Hauling and Disposal of Solid Waste	15,938.04
Solid Waste Operator Training/Certification	371.20
<i>Special Warrant Article:</i>	
Dump Site Closure	4,948.52
Transfer Station Recycling Project Expenses	<u>4,127.29</u>

**34,902.90****CONSERVATION COMMISSION****50.00****HEALTH****PEST CONTROL**

New Hampshire Humane Society	<b>300.00</b>
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**HEALTH AGENCIES AND HOSPITALS**

Pemi-Baker Home Health Agency	<b>1,447.60</b>
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**WELFARE****DIRECT ASSISTANCE**

Direct Assistance	<b>880.57</b>
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**INTERGOVERNMENTAL WELFARE PAYMENTS**

Grafton County Senior Citizens	268.00
Tri-County Community Action	389.00
Lakes Region Community Services	<u>300.00</u>

**957.00****CULTURE AND RECREATION****LIBRARY**

Groton Free Public Library	<b>1,500.00</b>
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**OTHER CULTURE AND RECREATION**

Bristol Community Center	<b>1,030.00</b>
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<i>ABATEMENTS</i>	<i>679.60</i>
<i>INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE</i>	<i>61.83</i>
<i>DEBT SERVICE</i>	
INTEREST ON TAN	0
<i>NEWFOUND AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT</i>	<i>471,157.00</i>
<i>GRAFTON COUNTY TAXES</i>	<i>43,189.00</i>
<i>TAX LIENS</i>	<i>62,460.15</i>
<i>OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT</i>	
TO CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS	8,111.90
<i>GRAND TOTAL</i>	<i><u><u>\$859,770.46</u></u></i>

## ***Inventory of Town Properties***

<u><b>Map, Lot</b></u>	<u><b>Description</b></u>	<u><b>Assessed Value</b></u>
1-24F	Tax-Deeded Property	\$ 28,100
2-14-1B	North Groton Cemetery	11,450
2-21	Church Lot	6,450
2-70-1	Union Cemetery	10,650
3-12	75 Acres off Powers Hill Road	26,250
3-18	50 Acres off Powers Hill Road	20,000
5-19	Abutting Selectmen's Office	11,400
5-20	Selectmen's Office	49,200
5-49-3C	Tax-Deeded 1.8 Acres, Ethier Estates	96,600
5-49-3C(C)	Tax-Deeded Common Lot Share, Ethier Estates	1,515
6-1-3	Police Department Shed	3,000
6-6	Transfer Station	34,100
6-1-4	Tax-Deeded Property 5.67 Acres	44,650
7-11A	Rolfe Hill Cemetery	600
7-11	Town House and 1.5 Acres	66,800
7-12B	5 Acres	25,300
10-14	6 Acres	20,650
10-17	Tax-Deeded Property .5 Acre	9,800
10-22	1 Acre	14,600
10-52	Holden Lot 50 Acres	37,950
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		<b>\$519,065.00</b>

## ***Groton Free Public Library Report 1996***

The Library did well this year even though we were open for only a few months. Mae Blake finally came back after she recovered, only to work for a short time. The Library closed again for installation of the new heating system. Hopefully, it will be open again in the spring after the current renovations are completed. Thank you all for your patience while throughout all of these changes taking place. The telephone number of the Library is 744-3668.

### **Record of Services:**

Adult	51
Junior	134
Easy	152
Magazines	143
VCR Tapes	49
Paperback Books	<u>97</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u><u>626</u></u>

### **New Books Donated:**

Adult	2
Junior	10
Easy	55
Paperbacks	<u>138</u>

**TOTAL**      205

### **New Books Purchased:**

	15
	16
	4
	<u>0</u>

**TOTAL**      35

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Pamela Crosby  
Jeffrey Levesque  
Joyce Tolman

## *Groton Free Public Library Treasurer's Report 1996*

### **Checking Account #006246**

#### *Payments January 1, 1996-December 31, 1996*

6300 Office Supplies	\$ 22.25	
6310 Magazine Subscriptions	260.98	
6311 Book Purchases	320.08	
6340 Postage Expense	6.40	
6490 Wages-Librarian	549.02	
6520 Telephone	408.59	
6521 Telephone Late Fees	.43	
6550 Children's Parties	<u>57.31</u>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<u><u>\$1,625.06</u></u>

#### ASSETS 1000

Balance on hand January 1, 1996	\$ 864.13	
Subtraction Error 5/16/95	10.00	
Plus: Town Appropriation	1,500.00	2,374.13

#### LIABILITIES 2100

Wages Payable - Librarian	549.02	2,923.15
Less: Expenses		<u>1,625.06</u>
Balance on hand December 31, 1996		<u><u>\$1,298.09</u></u>

**PLEASE NOTE:** This year our Librarian donated her time to the Library so we could buy or build shelves for the Library. No shelves were bought in 1996 because we were waiting for the showing of PSC College Library surplus shelves on 1/14/97, so we could place our bid.

GROTON PUBLIC LIBRARY  
TREASURER'S REPORT  
FOR 1996

<u>ACCOUNT NUMBER</u>	<u>CHECK #</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>DEBIT</u>	<u>CREDIT</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>					
1002			Groton Public Library savings account #2013910		
		01/01/96	Beginning Balance		\$309.37
		01/23/96	Interest	\$0.81	
		02/27/96	Interest	\$0.80	
		03/26/96	Interest	\$0.61	
		04/23/96	Interest	\$0.62	
		05/21/96	Interest	\$0.61	
		06/25/96	Interest	\$0.78	
		07/23/96	Interest	\$0.62	
		08/27/96	Interest	\$0.77	
		09/24/96	Interest	\$0.62	
		10/22/96	Interest	\$0.62	
		11/26/96	Interest	\$0.79	
		12/24/96	Interest	\$0.64	
				\$8.29	\$317.66

## ***Highway Department Report, 1996***

The North Groton Road project picked up where we left off in 1995. This work included the replacement of six (6) culverts and installation of headers for each, the removal of numerous trees from the road sides, reshaping the slopes, regrading the sides of the road, and shimming approximately a mile of road. We replaced the road signs that were weathered and worn and installed delineator posts the distance.

The State of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services issued the Town of Groton a permit for installation of the culvert extension on Sculptured Rocks Road just before the power line. The culvert has been purchased and the project will be done when the water conditions allow. On Sculptured Rocks Road the Highway Department cleared back the brush, changed one culvert, repaired a couple of culverts and ditched a few spots. There was a serious water flow problem over the road on the corner by the Hikel property which caused ice to form across the road all winter. This problem was solved by clearing the waterways of fallen trees and other debris allowing for proper drainage to prevent overflow onto the road. The other gravel roads were worked on to include ditching, repair of culverts and regrading the road. Gravel was added where necessary. On River Road a culvert was replaced, some ditching was done and the vegetation cut back.

In 1997, we hope to continue working on the North Groton Road, sloping, ditching, cleaning culverts, replacing/repairing culverts as necessary, and shimming to reach as far down the road as possible. Our plans are to continue ditching the dirt roads to achieve proper drainage and replace/repair culverts whenever possible. Much effort goes into ditching our roads as the advantage of ditching is to keep the water away from the road and the road bed to control heaving and pothole formation. There are several large culverts on Sculptured Rocks Road that need to be replaced, redirected and cleaned at the inlet and outlet ends. This work requires a permit from the Department of Environmental Services and all necessary paperwork will be done to assure compliance with the State.

We have been working on a map of the Town roads which indicates culverts, their size and all waterways. This map will be used in the development of a long-term plan for maintaining the roads.

Respectfully submitted,

David Leone, Road Agent

## ***Police Department Report 1996***

The Officers and I wish to take this opportunity to thank the residents and taxpayers for their continued support.

The cruiser, now completing its third year in service, continues to serve us well. Maintenance costs are at an all-time low. The few major repairs made to the vehicle were covered under Warranty.

A lap-top computer will be installed in the car soon to further add to the efficiency and effectiveness of the department. This was made possible through the surplus program. We obtained four old computers and were able to make one unit operational from those four. The video unit in the cruiser continues to be a very valuable tool. This piece of equipment helps to prevent false accusations against the Officers, the Town and the general public. Since the video unit is turned on during patrols and most responses to calls, it prevents false law suits from arising. I would like to publicly thank the company who has loaned the unit to me to use for the Town's benefit. Thank you Noble Security.

The Department experienced a decrease in calls for service this year. Some of this is credited to the fact the weather was not as warm as last year. Credit also goes to you, the Townspeople, for driving more carefully and being more courteous on the road.

Three suicides were prevented this year also. It is a great feeling when we have the opportunity to help someone in a time of great distress.

Several major arrests were made again this year. Many cases were also closed out. Many of the remaining cases will be closed out soon. Our high conviction rate also continues in Plymouth Court.

I would like to thank Corporal Harding, Officers Domenic Ricciotti and Thomas Lynch for their continued support. Without their support and dedication to the town, we could not have come in under budget as we did. Thank you again for a job well done.

Again, thank you everyone from your Police Department for taking part in making Groton a safer place to live. Let's all try to have another safe year.

Thank you from all the members of the Groton Police Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony R. Ricciotti, Chief of Police

## *Summary of Calls for Service* *Groton Police Department 1996*

Below is a partial list of the calls the department handled either in person or by telephone. This does not include all calls between the Chief and the Officers.

<u>Type of Incident/Nature</u>	<u>Number of Incidents</u>
Accidents (MV)	4
Accidents (person)	1
Alarms	7
Alcohol-related	15
Animal	26
Arrests	12
Assaults	4
Burglary	7
Camping	9
Civil	7
Court	66
Criminal Mischief	5
Criminal Trespass	3
Defective Equipment Tags	11
Disorderly Actions	16
Domestic Disturbances	7
Drugs	4
Elections	4
Emergency Notifications	4
Fire	7
Fraud	3
Fugitives	1
General/Information	316
General Assist	4
General Incident	11
Harassment	8
Illegal Dumping	2
Indecent Exposure	3
Involuntary Admissions	2
Juvenile	11
Lost/Stolen Property	5
Medical	11
Minors in Possession	3
Miscellaneous Complaints (in Cruiser)	42
Miscellaneous Meetings	73
Missing Persons	7



## Summary of Calls For Service, Groton Police Department 1996

### Page 2

Motor Vehicle Summons	61
Motor Vehicle Warnings	89
Motorists Assists	5
Motor Vehicle Stops (Additional)	126
Mutual Aid	11
Notices Served	5
OHRV	5
Operating After suspension	4
Parking	3
Prowlers	1
Shooting	5
Stalking	2
Stolen Motor Vehicles	3
Stolen Property	3
Suicides (Attempted/Prevented)	3
Thefts	11
Transports	14
Warrants Executed	6
Weapons	6
Welfare Checks	7
Witness Tampering	1
911 Calls	9
Phone Calls Handled by Dispatch	<u>937</u>
Total Calls For Service	<u>1,206</u>

## ***GROTON FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT, 1996***

The State of New Hampshire has completed the mapping for 911 addressing. It was necessary for them to return to Groton a few times to remap certain portions of the town. Unfortunately, there are times when the mapping team is unable to secure enough points to address certain roads or portions of roads. We are satisfied with the map as it now stands and are awaiting the numbering. Just as soon as we receive this information from the State of New Hampshire, we will issue the numbers.

We have been working with CRAFT designing the dry hydrant to be installed beside the Selectmen's Office. Additionally, this project corresponds with the State of New Hampshire Bridge Rehabilitation to take place this summer. The Town was awarded a \$1,000 grant from CRAFT for the dry hydrant installation to offset the \$2,000 voted at the 1996 Annual Town Meeting and carried over into 1997 when the work will be performed. The Town Road Agent and crew will install the dry hydrant at the same time the State works on the bridge. We hope to continue working with CRAFT to develop further possible sites in Groton for dry hydrants.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Albert  
Fire Chief



May 6, 1996

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

## MASON + RICH

PROFESSIONAL  
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Board of Selectmen  
Town of Groton  
Groton, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Town of Groton, New Hampshire, as of December 31, 1995 and for the year then ended. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the general fixed assets account group, which should be included in order to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. The amounts that should be recorded as general fixed assets are not known.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general purpose financial statements referred to in the first paragraph present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Groton, New Hampshire, as of December 31, 1995 and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its proprietary and similar trust fund types for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying combining and individual fund financial statements listed as supporting schedules in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Groton, New Hampshire. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

Respectfully submitted,

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TOWN OF GROTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS  
DECEMBER 31, 1995

	Governmental Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Types		Totals
	General	Special Revenue	Trust		(Memorandum Only)
<b>ASSETS</b>					
Cash	\$117,839	\$1,184	-		\$119,023
Temporary Investments	95,748	-	65,215		160,963
Taxes Receivable:					
Property	100,875	-	-		100,875
Tax Liens	39,784	-	-		39,784
Due From Other Funds	2,641	-	200		2,841
Property by Tax Lien and Title	13,839	-	-		13,839
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$370,726</b>	<b>\$1,184</b>	<b>\$65,415</b>		<b>\$437,325</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>					
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Accounts Payable	\$3,952	\$-	-		\$3,952
Due to Other Governments (Note 3)	254,811	-	-		254,811
Due to Other Funds (Note 4)	200	-	2,641		2,841
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>258,963</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,641</b>		<b>261,604</b>
<b>Fund Equity</b>					
Reserved for Encumbrances (Note 5)	1,110	-	-		1,110
Reserved by Trust Instruments	-	-	690		690
Unreserved:					
Designated for Capital Acquisition	-	-	60,711		60,711
Designated by Trust Instruments	-	-	1,373		1,373
Designated for Specific Purposes	-	1,184	-		1,184
Undesignated	110,653	-	-		110,653
<b>Total Fund Equity</b>	<b>111,763</b>	<b>1,184</b>	<b>62,774</b>		<b>175,721</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$370,726</b>	<b>\$1,184</b>	<b>\$65,415</b>		<b>\$437,325</b>

The Accompanying Notes are an Integral Part of This Financial Statement

TOWN OF GROTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
 COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
 ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1995

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Types		Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Expendable Trust			
<u>Revenues</u>						
Taxes	\$812,325	\$ -	-			\$812,325
Licenses and Permits	32,671	-	-			32,671
Intergovernmental	34,866	-	-			34,866
Charges for Services	5,044	-	-			5,044
Interest and Dividends	1,401	7	2,442			3,850
Miscellaneous	8,976	95	-			9,071
Total Revenues	895,283	102	2,442			897,827
<u>Expenditures</u>						
Town:						
General Government	81,657	-	-			81,657
Public Safety	41,103	-	-			41,103
Highways, Streets, Bridges	88,108	-	-			88,108
Sanitation	42,248	-	-			42,248
Health	1,714	-	-			1,714
Welfare	2,438	-	-			2,438
Culture and Recreation	-	1,107	-			1,107
Debt Service - Interest Tax Anticipation Note	1,408	-	-			1,408
Capital Outlay	60,261	-	-			60,261
Total Town Expenditures	\$318,937	\$1,107	\$ -			\$320,044

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TOWN OF GROTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1995

	Governmental Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Types	Totals
	General	Special Revenue	Expendable Trust	(Memorandum Only)
Other Governmental Units:				
School District Assessment	\$500,811	\$ -	\$ -	\$500,811
County Taxes	44,286	-	-	\$44,286
Total Other Governmental Units	545,097	-	-	545,097
Total Expenditures	864,034	1,107	-	865,141
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	31,249	(1,005)	2,442	32,686
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Operating Transfers In	7,302	1,500	13,589	22,391
Operating Transfers (Out)	(15,089)	-	(7,302)	(22,391)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(7,787)	1,500	6,287	-
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures and Other Financing Sources (Uses)	23,462	495	8,729	32,686
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year	88,301	689	52,585	141,575
Fund Balances, End of Year	\$111,763	\$1,184	\$61,314	\$174,261

The Accompanying Notes are an Integral Part of This Financial Statement

# REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF GROTON NH

ON DECEMBER 31, 1996

DATE OF CREATION	NAME OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE OF TRUST FUND	HOW INVESTED	PRINCIPAL			INCOME			END YR BAL	GRAND TOTAL (PRINCIPAL + INCOME)	
				RETURNS REALIZED	CAPITAL GAINS/LOSSES	WITHDRAWALS	BEG YR BAL	END YR BAL	%			INCOME AMOUNT
05/25/95	Common Fund	Perpetual Care	Investment Fund	\$1,419.56			\$1,419.56	\$39.94	\$74.43	\$0.00	\$1,533.93	
06/15/89	Truck/Sander	Replacement of Equip	Investment Fund	\$15,976.19			\$15,976.19	\$3,744.47	\$1,005.21	\$0.00	\$20,725.87	
07/12/89	Dump Site	Close Dump	Investment Fund	\$30,338.70			\$30,338.70	\$8,338.98	\$1,971.73	\$0.00	\$40,649.41	
04/18/95	Playground Fund	Build Playground	Investment Fund	\$389.48	\$98.15		\$487.63	\$13.96	\$23.30	\$0.00	\$524.89	
1987	Roof Fund	Repair Roof	Investment Fund	\$2,655.00		\$3,144.86	(\$489.86)	\$1,295.04	\$107.98	\$0.00	\$913.16	
12/11/95	Police Cruiser	Replace Cruiser	Investment Fund	\$1,000.00			\$1,000.00	\$3.15	\$51.64	\$0.00	\$1,054.79	
TOTAL TRUST FUNDS				\$61,778.93	\$98.16	\$0.00	\$3,144.86	\$48,732.22	\$13,436.64	\$3,234.29	\$0.00	\$66,402.06

# REPORT OF THE COMMON TRUST FUND INVESTMENTS OF THE TOWN OF GROTON NH

ON DECEMBER 31, 1996

# OF SHARES OR OTHER UNITS	DESCRIPTION OF INVESTMENT	PRINCIPAL			INCOME			GRAND TOTAL YR END BAL				
		BEG BALANCE	PURCHASES	CASH CAPITAL GAINS	PROCEEDS FROM SALES	GAINS/LOSSES FROM SALES	END BALANCE		INCOME DURING YEAR	END BALANCE		
	North Groton Cemetery	\$231 98					\$231 98	\$35 60	\$25 01	\$0 00	\$360 61	\$592 59
	Tercentennial	\$180 00					\$180 00	\$244 53	\$19 43	\$0 00	\$263 96	\$443 96
	George Hall Fund	\$100 00					\$100 00	\$145 44	\$10 79	\$0 00	\$156 23	\$256 23
	Cyrus Blood Fund	\$80 00					\$80 00	\$40 14	\$8 63	\$0 00	\$48 77	\$128 77
2	Dimichelle	\$48 20					\$48 20	\$1 81	\$5 21	\$0 00	\$7 02	\$55 22
2	Gilchrist	\$50 00					\$50 00	\$1 80	\$5 36	\$0 00	\$7 16	\$57 16
	TOTAL COMMON TRUST	\$690 18	\$0 00	\$0 00	\$0 00	\$0 00	\$690 18	\$769 32	\$74 43	\$0 00	\$843 75	\$1 533 93





STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
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REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST  
RANGER

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing any open burning. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are ten Forest Rangers who work for the N.H. Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. State Forest Rangers are available to assist communities with forest fire suppression, prevention and training programs as well as the enforcement of forest fire and timber harvest laws. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws please call our office at 271-2217.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments.

1996 FIRE STATISTICS

(Cost Shared)

FIRES REPORTED BY COUNTY

Belknap	06
Carroll	07
Cheshire	13
Coos	10
Grafton	12
Hillsborough	19
Merrimack	14
Rockingham	15
Strafford	05
Sullivan	06

TOTAL FIRES 107

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Smoking	05
Debris Burning	34
Campfire	16
Power Line	04
Railroad	02
Equipment Use	01
Lightning	02
Children	22
OHRV	01
Miscellaneous	20

"REMEMBER, ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES!"

Stephen M. Kessler  
Forest Ranger



Forest Fire Warden

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Information & Planning (603) 271-3457

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### ***Vital Statistics for 1996***

Due to the confidentiality laws of the State of New Hampshire, RSA 126:14, vital records can no longer be published in Town Reports.

If individuals wish to have this information published in future, they must submit to the Town Clerk a written statement requesting publication.

There were four (4) marriages, three (3) births and zero (0) deaths for the year 1996 in the Town of Groton.



**ATTENTION RESIDENTS  
OF  
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**DIAL  
911**

to report a  
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**744-7894**

**General Police Business**



